

Subject: Netscape Update (01/30/01) - long

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The Netscape implementation has been rolling along fairly smoothly so these updates should be less frequent. As usual I have also posted this message to the newsgroup (<news://neptune.nos.noaa.gov/oar.netscape>) for discussion.

1) Deadlines

Mar. 15th - Mailhub is powered down.

Mar. 1st - Calendar Evaluation

Feb. 2nd - Mailhub is taken out of the MX record so it is no longer used for

any mail functions.

Seeing that most of the sites are in good shape, currently no action is required before any of these deadline.

2) Directory - At this point 99%+ of the OAR users have been moved off of the mailhub and are in the LDAP directory. The next step will be for sites to start implementing there own messaging server if they haven't already, but we have some flexiblity on the time-table since the directory step is done.

3) Netscape Calendar - The MCB has drafted a working list of requirements (see attachment) and we are beginning to evaluate the viability of Netscape Calendar 4.0 and 5.0. On March 1st we will make a decision on whether to go with Netscape or look for something else. I am trying to get the pilot group for the 5.0 server expanded so that we can evaluate it further (if you are interested in evaluating iCalendar 5.0 please let me know and I'll get an account created for you).

4) Netscape Technical Support - NOAA's technical support expired on Dec. 15th, Netscape extended the support until the end of the year while we were under the continuing resolution. Since the first ofhte year we have been in the process of getting the support renewed. As I understand it the current status is that "all the paperwork has been signed" and it just needs to go to netscape for them to process. Case tracker has been extended until the end of the month pending the paperwork, currently I have myself down as the contact for OAR at Headquarters and Eric Hackathorn down as the contact in Boulder. I will let you know as soon as I have an update.

5) Mail Relays - The mail relay for Seattle (relay-west) came up with some hardward problems. The machine was replaced by Sun and reconfigured so it is now ready to be sent out to Seattle. It will should be in blace by the Feb. 2nd deadline.

If anyone has any comments or questions please let me know.


thanks,

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